

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASE OF BIO- DIESEL

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have started purchasing bio-diesel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and
- (c) the total quantity of bio-diesel purchased by the OMCs alongwith value thereof during each of the last three years, company-wise?

Answer

Minister of State in the MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas formulated a Bio-diesel Purchase Policy in October, 2005. This policy is effective w.e.f. 1.1.2006 and is a statement of intent on purchase of bio diesel by the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs). This policy, inter alia, identifies 20 purchase centres of OMCs all over the Country where these companies would purchase bio diesel which meets the standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), from those bio-diesel manufacturers who register with them after satisfying the technical specifications, at the specified delivered price. OMCs have reported that they have not been able to purchase any bio-diesel at any of the identified locations till now.

However, IOC has informed that its R&D division procured some bio diesel during 2003-04 and 2004-05 as per the following details:

2003-04: 7KL @ Rs. 57.62 per litre from M/s Pure Energy Corporation, USA.
9 KL @ Rs. 53/- per litre from M/s Lubrizol India Ltd.

2004-05: 92 KL @ Rs. 54.21 per litre from M/s Gujarat Oleochem.

Also, HPCL has informed that it sourced 20 MT of bio-diesel from Lubrizol India Limited, Mumbai and 20 MT from Pure Energy, USA in the year 2004 for conducting field trials with Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST), Mumbai. The cost incurred to procure 40 MT bio-diesel was about Rs. 32, 40,000.